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前記です。こんにちは、藤村あゆみです。

この度は同人誌をお手にとっていただきありがとうございます。

オールキャラっぱい本を……と思ったんですが相変わらずユーリとおっさんメインです。

フレン欠席。エステルもあんまり出せなくて……ごめん……。

エステル救出前のお話です。

ヴェスペリアのなにもかもが大好きです。

ということを始め込もうとせばんばんになってしまいました。

最後までお付き合いいただければと思います。





THAT'S

WHY

I SAID

O

WE
SHOULDN'T
HAVE
HEADED
BACK TO
HALURE!

THAT'S
BECAUSE
YOU SAID
YOU
FORGOT
SOMETHING
AFTER THE
LAST
JOB...

IT'S B-B-B-
BECAUSE
YOU SAID YOU
FORGOT A
REALLY
IMPORTANT
BOOK!

AH- GEEZ-I
IT'S BECAUSE
SOME IDIOT
MADE US UP
AND LEAVE
ALL OF A
SUDDEN!

SOME IDIOT -A





THANKS,
RAVEN!



EVERYONE'S
GETTING
WORN DOWN



SHOULD
I HELP
UP SOME-
ONE IN
FRONT?



HE'S
ALWAYS
SO THICK-
HEADED.

YURI'S MOVE-
MENTS
ARE...

JUDITH'S
INJUR-
IES ARE
MINOR

THE OTHERS
ARE ALL
FINE.

SHOULD
I GIVE
HIM SUPP-
ORT?

AHH- THE
FORMATION'S
TOTALLY
MESSED UP.
THAT'S NO
WAY TO
FIGHT A
GIGANT.















ARE YOU
OKAY?!

I'M
FINE,
BUT,
THE
OLD
MAN
IS...

NAH,
I'M
GOOD.
IT'S
JUST A
SCRAT-

CH

IT'D BE NO
JOKE IF YOU
GOT HURT
BAD OUT
HERE!

AH-
...

.....





YURI?



SO YOU'VE
AWOKEN?

...DID
YOU SAVE
ME?

I HAPPENED
ACROSS YOU.
DEIN NOMOS
IS SAFE?

YOU DIDN'T
JUST "HAPPEN
ACROSS" ME.
YOU'VE BEEN
WATCHING
OVER YURI'S
GROUP.





HOPEFULLY
ONCE WE
OPEN THAT
DOOR,

ESTELLE
WILL BE
RIGHT
THERE.

HEY, OLD
MAN! ARE
YOU SURE
THIS IS THE
RIGHT
WAY?

WELL...
IT WAS A
LONG TIME
AGO, AND
I ONLY SAW
ALEXEI
OPEN IT
ONCE...

I've lost my confidence.

AH-
DAMN
IT!

ANO-
THER
DEAD
END!





WHERE'S
RITA?

SOMETHING'S
GOING ON
WITH THE AER.
WE NEED HER
TO...



WE'LL NEED
IT FOR WHEN
WE RESCUE
HER FROM
ALEXEI.



SHE'S TRYING
TO THINK OF
A WAY TO CONTROL
ESTELLE'S
POWER.



IT'S UP TO
US TO OPEN
THAT DOOR.

YOU'RE
RIGHT...



THOSE GUYS
ARE EXHAUSTED,
THEY NEED
A BREAK.

WE SHOULD
GO OVER
OUR PLAN IN
THE DINING
HALL.

IF WE RUN
AROUND
BLINDLY,
WE'LL JUST
BE WASTING
OUR
STRENGTH.



WELCOME BACK!

CAPTAIN!



WHAT HAPPENED TO THE COMMANDANT?! AND THE PRINCESS?!

ARE YOU HURT?!

I'M FINE, DAMNIT!

AND HOW ARE YOUR INJURIES, MR. RAVEN?!

WE HAVEN'T MADE ANY PROGRESS.

I'M RAVEN.



YEAH... I DUNNO WHERE IT IS, EXACTLY. IT'S THE ONE WITH WINGS?

IT'D BE GOOD IF SOMEONE HERE KNEW WHERE IT WAS...

STATUES... OF THE GODDESS?

BESIDES THAT, DO YOU GUYS REMEMBER THE ROOM WITH THE STATUE OF THE GODDESS?





A BIG GROUP'D
JUST CAUSE
MORE
TROUBLE.

THESE
ROOMS HAVE
GOT A
HABIT OF
TURNING
PEOPLE
AROUND.

THEN
WE CAN
SPLIT UP.

WHAT'S
THAT? I'LL
GO TOO.

TIRED PEOPLE
SHOULD TAKE
A REST.

WE'LL BE
BACK IN
ABOUT AN
HOUR-



THERE'S
A MIRROR
JUST OVER
THERE.



DO I REALLY
LOOK THAT
TIRED?







AM I...
WAVERING
AGAIN?



I ALWAYS
END UP
KILLING
SOMEONE,
NO MATTER
WHAT.

EVERY
TIME I
WAVER,

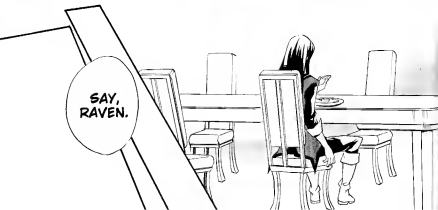
I-

I DON'T...



I DON'T WANT
TO KILL ANYONE,
BUT I KNOW
I'M GOING TO
HAVE TO-







THAT
SO?

YOU'VE
BEEN REALLY
CAREFUL TO
HEAL YOUR
WOUNDS
RECENTLY.

THERE'S
NO WAY
I'D BE
ABLE TO.

HM?

IT
SEEMS
LIKE

YOUR
FIGHTING
STYLE'S
CHANGED.

I'VE
ALWAYS

THOUGHT IT
WAS COOL
HOW YOU
COULD STAY
CALM WHEN
YOU'RE IN
PAIN.



BUT THERE'S
NO WAY I'D
BE ABLE TO
JUST STAY
CALM IF I
HAD TO.

I DON'T
KNOW HOW
MUCH PAIN
YOU PUT
UP WITH,



I THINK IF
I WERE HURTING
I'D WANT IT
HEALED RIGHT
AWAY.



THAT'S
WHY I

I REALLY
LIKE THE
WAY YOU
FIGHT RIGHT
NOW.

AH~~
DAMN
IT!

WELL,
THANK
YA
VERY
MUCH.

DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT IT.

OF
COURSE.

IF YOU
KEEP
YELLING,
SOMEONE'S
GOING TO
NOTICE
AND
COME.

I KNOW
THAT!

THAT'S
RIGHT.

DEFIN-
ITELY!

I'M SO PISSED OFF~

DAMN
IT~!

DAMN
IT~!



SORRY FOR
THINKING
SUCH
THINGS.



I'M
ALREADY

RAVEN,
I...



SAY,
RAVEN...

THAT WE
COULD
TALK LIKE
THIS
AGAIN...

WE CAN EAT
TOGETHER...
LAUGH
TOGETHER...
HAVE FUN
TOGETHER...

I WAS REALLY
HAPPY...
THAT YOU
SURVIVED.

I WAS
REALLY
HAPPY WHEN
YOU CAME
BACK.



IT'LL
BE
FINE!



SHE'LL
COME
BACK,
RIGHT?

ESTELLE
....



I'LL
DEFINITELY
FIND A WAY
TO CONTROL
ESTELLE'S
POWER!

AND
I'LL...

AND THIS
TIME I'LL
BEAT THE
SHIT OUT
OF ALEXEI.

IT'LL BE
FINE....
NOTHING'S
BEEN
DECIDED.



DEF-
INIT-
ELY
....



IT'LL
ALL
TURN
OUT
OKAY
....

SO...
IT'LL
BE
FINE...



AH

SOME-
HOW,

IT SEEMS
LIKE I'M
HOLDING
ONTO LIFE
TIGHTER
THAN EVER
BEFORE.

I'M AN
IDIOT.

Aaaaah-

Waaa-

SO
EVERYTHING'S
GONNA BE
FINE, RIGHT-

Aaaaah-



Aaaa-

Waaa-

YES, OF
COURSE.

EVERYTHING'S
GOING TO
TURN OUT
JUST FINE,
DON'T WORRY.

Don't cry



COMPARED
TO WHEN I
WAS CUT, IS
DEFINITELY

BUT
THIS
PAIN
NOW



DEFIN-
ITELY

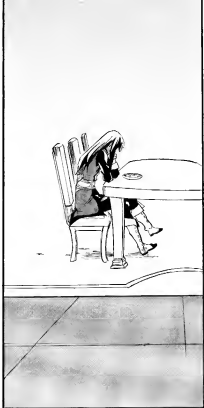


ALL
ALONG

THE WEIGHT OF THE DECADES

HAVE BECOME AN EXCUSE







I'LL HAVE
TO BE THE
ONE TO
KILL HER.

THAT
WAY...



I'VE
GOT TO
BE CARE-
FUL.

I KNOW
THIS ISN'T
SOMETHING
I'LL BE ABLE
TO TURN
BACK
FROM...

カッ カッ カッ



BEFORE I
KNEW IT,
I MIGHT
HAVE
BECOME...

I DON'T KNOW
WHAT TO DO.



IF SOME-
ONE DOESN'T
DO SOME-
THING,
THEN...

I

WHY DID
I CHOOSE
THIS...



**YURI
LOW-
ELL!**

WHY
AM I



**THIS IS
ALL I
CAME
TO SAY!**

**YURI
LOWELL!**

**Y-YOU!!
AND AFTER
LIEUTENANT
LEBLANC
CAME ALL
THIS WAY
...!**

WHAT?

**YOU GUYS
AREN'T
SERIOUSLY
GONNA START
READING OFF
MY CRIMINAL
RECORD HERE,
ARE YOU?**



YOU
HAVE

OUR
GRATITUDE,
FOR SAVING
THE CAPTAIN!



I DIDN'T
DO ANY-
THING,

I...

WHAT

*GRATI-
TITUDE*

WH-



...
HA.

...



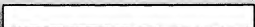
LISTEN
TO ME!

I CAN'T
BELIEVE
THE DAY
CAME
WHEN I HAD
TO BOW
MY HEAD
TO YOU...

UUH
UUH
...



YOUR
CAPTAIN,
I DIDN'T
....



CAPTAIN!





THEY'RE
THE ONES
WHO SAVED
ME!



WAIT
WAIT
WAIT
WAIT
WAIT
WAIT
-!!

AND NOW
HE HAS TO
SPEND THE
REST OF HIS
LIFE SERVING
YOU, FORCED
TO GO AGAINST
THE COMMANDANT
AND BOARDING
THE HERACLES
....

THE
CAPTAIN...
SURVIVED TO
THE END BY
TAKING YOUR
WORDS TO
HEART...



AH,
YURI...

HMM,
LE'SEE

OLD
MAN...

IT'S
RAVEN!

CAPTAIN
SCHWANN!
I'M SIMPLY
GLAD TO
SEE YOU'RE
UNHARMED!

WHY'RE
YOU
TALKIN'
ABOUT
SOME-
THING
LIKE
THAT?

AREN'T
YOU EM-
BARASSED
SAYING
THAT
SORTA
STUFF?!



SO IF
THERE WAS
GONNA BE
ANY
KILLING,



BACK
THEN,

YOUR SWORD
SEEMED DULL,
AND YOU
WEREN'T
READING MY
MOVEMENTS.

THERE...
WASN'T ANY
KILLING
INTENT.



YOU...
COULDN'T
HAVE
KILLED ME.

IT WAS
GONNA BE
ME.

YOU'RE
AN ABLE
MAN.

BUT...

BEING ABLE
DOESN'T
MEAN YOU
SHOULD,
YOU KNOW?

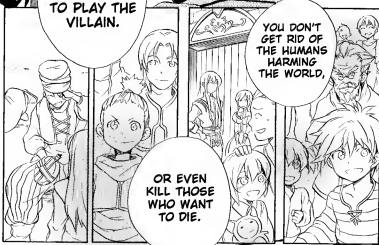
YURI.

BUT I
FAILED.



WHO ARE
YOU DOING
THIS FOR?

IT'S NOT
YOUR JOB
TO PLAY THE
VILLAIN.



YOU DON'T
GET RID OF
THE HUMANS
HARMING
THE WORLD,

OR EVEN
KILL THOSE
WHO WANT
TO DIE.



THAT'S WHY
EVERYONE
KEEPS
TRAVELLING
WITH YOU.



UNDER-
STAND?

FOR WHOSE

SAKE

FOR THOSE
WHO CAN'T
DO ANYTHING
TO STOP THEIR
SUFFERING.

FOR
THOSE...
WHO HAVE
NO POWER...





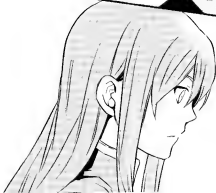
DO YOUR
BEST.



DON'T
FORGET.



YOU SAVED
ME, AFTER
ALL.







IF IT'S
TOGETHER
WITH EVERY-
ONE... WE
CAN DO IT.



IT'LL
BE FINE.



BUT...
NOW THERE
IS ANOTHER
WAY.



WHY...

WHY
ARE YOU
TALKING
ABOUT
THIS
NOW?



I'M SURE
THAT HE

KNOWS
IT TOO.



JUDY'S
GROUP
SHOULD BE
BACK SOON,
AND THEN
WE'LL GET
GOING.

GET
READY.

SORRY,

KAROL.

I OVER-
SLEPT,
DIDN'T I...



YURI,



AFTER...
YOU CAN
TAKE A
REST.

I'M
SORRY.



ALRIGHT,
SHALL WE
GET
GOING?





**LET'S GO
SAVE
ESTELLE!**



T E N S I ⊕ N

後記です。

なんとなくこつちやりした漫画になってしまいました
お疲れ様でした。

どんなに力があってもいろんなものを動かせる人でも、決断力のある人間でも、一人では間違った道に行ってしまうよって
いうのがヴェスベリアのテーマのひとつだと……思ってるんですけど、

対等な力を持ってたであろう友を失ってしまったデューク
そういう友がいなかったアレクセイ、やっと見つけたと思っ
たら振られてしまったザギとか……（笑）

ドンは成功例だと思うんですけど、ユーリはどっちにもなり
うる分かれ道みたいところに立ってて

そんな時、今までユーリが助けてきた人たちがそばにいて
ユーリを助けてあげていた

あのあたりの一連のイベントが大好きです

あそこでユーリが一人で帝都に向かって、エステルを殺して
いたら、いろんなことがもう戻れなかったと思います

最後らへん、ユーリがソディアに敵しくあたるのも、一人で
決めて一人で行動して、間違えそうになっていた自分への寄
立ちが含まれているように見えます。

ユーリとソディアの話もいつか描けたらいいな！



S U R F A C E

おっさんは、エステル助けるまでの間、すこくきつかったと思います。

仲間を陥ますにしたって、アレクセイを責めるにしたって、すごい微妙な位置にいて

エステル助ける前も後もですけど

そうした後悔とか後ろめたさに制限されて、おっさんはいつも本来の優しいこととか背中を押してあげられることが抑えてしまっているのがもったいないなあと考えています。

シュヴァーン時代のおっさんが見たいです。最近の口癖。

ユーリとエステルの話、ジュデイスの話ももつと入れたかった！ハンクスじいさんとかも出したかったな！

とか、色々心残りはありますが、描きたいものが描けてよかったです。

ヴェスペリアが大好きだということが伝わったら嬉しいです。

タイトルは、表面張力という意味の造語ですが、直訳すると、表面とか見かけ上の緊張とか不安とか、そういう意味になります。いろいろ思っつけてました。

ここまでお付き合いありがとうございます！
また機会があればお会いしたいです。



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THE JAIL
BROT

It's not so much that I
forget about Raven's
accent as I think he drops
it when he get's serious.

But I apologise if it
seems inconsistent

